

May 21, 2023

CONGRATULATIONS



DEACON ED MAYER

on the Occasion of his Ordination
to the Permanent Diaconate
Saturday, the Twentieth of May
St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral



40 Jackson Road, Medford, New Jersey 08055

Parish Website: www.smlparish.org

Parish Email Address: frontdesk@smlparish.org



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 7:15 a.m.

Monday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m. (*simulcasted*)

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (*simulcasted*), 10:30 a.m., and noon

CLERGY AND STAFF

Very Reverend Daniel F. Swift, Pastor, father_dan@smlparish.org

Reverend Roy Ballacillo, Parochial Vicar, rballacillo@smlparish.org

Deacon Rich Lutomski

Deacon Ed Mayer

Susan B. Kraemer, Business Administrator

Christine Brandt, Pastoral Associate

Lenora Gange, Administrative Assistant

John Scott, Administrative/Marketing Assistant

Laura Dicus, Administrative Assistant

Mary Thomas, Administrative Assistant

Maria Sobel, School Principal

Linda Xerri, Director of Religious Education

Todd Nolan, Parish Catechetical Leader

Lisa Helm, PREP Administrative Assistant

Frank Babinchock, Parish Youth Minister

Carolyn Cuperwich, Music Coordinator

Harry Meshirer, Parish Bookkeeper

Ralph Gallo and Kevin Loughlin, Parish Trustees

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

ST. MARY OF THE LAKES ONLINE

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Email Address: Frontdesk@smlparish.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/smlparish

Twitter: www.twitter.com/smlparish

School Website: www.smlschool.org

Knights of Columbus: www.medfordknights.org

LOCATION, TELEPHONE NUMBERS, FAX

		(609 Area Code)
Parish Office	40 Jackson Road	654-8208 x110
Parish Office Fax		975-0137
St. Mary of the Lakes School	196 Route 70	654-2546 x210
St. Mary of the Lakes School Fax		654-8125
Parish Religious Education	196 Route 70	654-2546 x310
Parish Youth Minister	40 Jackson Road	654-2546 x111
Bulletin Editor	40 Jackson Road	654-8208 x131
St. Vincent de Paul Society	1 Jones Road	953-0021

PARISH REGISTRATION: ALL ARE WELCOME "God is rich in mercy, because of His boundless love for us." Ephesians 2:4 tells us God's love knows no boundaries and neither does St. Mary of the Lakes. New parishioners, regardless of where they live, are welcome and encouraged to register at our parish. Registration forms are available in the parish office and on our website at www.smlparish.org. Click on Contact us/registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Confessions are heard on Saturdays after 9:00 a.m. Mass and at 4:30 p.m. You may also call the parish office to make an appointment for a different time.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK Please call the parish office anytime or speak to one of the priests after Mass.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the second Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Session prior to their child's Baptism. Please call the parish office 609/654-8208, x110 as early as possible to make the necessary arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY Congratulations to our engaged couples. Call 609/654-8208, x110 to make arrangements for your wedding. We suggest you call at least a year in advance.

BECOMING CATHOLIC (RCIA) If you or someone you know is considering becoming Catholic or is/are baptized Catholic but have yet to receive First Communion and/or Confirmation, please call Christine Brandt at 609/654-8208, x113.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION The Adoration Chapel off the Jackson Rd. Entrance is open 24/7.

MINISTERIAL VISITS The Sacraments are available to anyone confined to home or institution. Please contact the parish office if you know anyone who is unable to get to church.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY The St. Vincent de Paul Society is an all-volunteer ministry with services provided and supported by many of our parishioners. "Vincentians" provide outreach and assistance to anyone in need throughout our parish region. Contact Maureen Sokolowski, President. 609/953-0021.

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An SML Vocation to the Priesthood



Please offer your prayerful best wishes to Harry Kingsmill, a 22-year-old lifelong parishioner of SML, student at SMLS from pre-K to eighth grade, and alumnus of the Class of 2015. Harry has been accepted as a seminarian for the Diocese of Trenton and will begin his studies at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia this fall. John 15:13 tells us, "No one has greater love than this, than to lay one's life down for his friends." Harry looks forward to serving SML throughout his years of seminary formation, meeting all of us, and catching up with a lot of familiar faces. God bless you, Harry, and be assured of our prayers!

The Ascension of the Lord Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 20th

5:30 p.m. **Frank Martino / Mr. and Mrs. Louis DiVentura**

Sunday, May 21st

7:30 a.m. **Our Parishioners**

9:00 a.m. **Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus**

10:30 a.m. **John and Annie Keogh / Kay Murray and Family**

12:00 p.m. **Deacon Jim and Julie Cattanea (living) / Rick and Michele Clark**

Monday, May 22nd

7:15 a.m. **Richard Palazzo / St. Mary of the Lakes Clergy, Staff, and Parishioners**

9:00 a.m. **Rita Wallace (living) / Pat and Hank Hess**

Tuesday, May 23rd

7:15 a.m. **Denise Eisenmann / Vasturia Family**

9:00 a.m. **Elizabeth Davis / Lawrence Gilari
Michael Roettger / Joe and Judy Clauss**

Wednesday, May 24th

7:15 a.m. **George Fletcher / Joan Block**

9:00 a.m. **Richard V. Manuel, Jr. / Rich and Kasia Jensen
Dina Sullo / The Family**

Thursday, May 25th

7:15 a.m. **Paul Marabella / Marianne Grant**

9:00 a.m. **Stephen Motylinski / PREP Office
Thomas Murray / Joe and Judy Clauss**

Friday, May 26th

7:15 a.m. **Raymond Cox / The Marabella Family**

9:00 a.m. **George Fletcher / Marianne Grant
Hank Hess Prayer Warriors (living) / Pat and Hank**

Saturday, May 27th

9:00 a.m. **Stephen Motylinski / Neckelmann Family
James P. McGory / Denise Proctor**

5:30 p.m. **Anthony Chiusano / Christ Life**

Sunday, May 28th

7:30 a.m. **Kelley France / St. Mary of the Lakes Clergy, Staff, and Parishioners**

9:00 a.m. **Robert Walker / Marguerite, Al, and Elmer**

10:30 a.m. **Augenia Turzanski / Theodosia Kelly**
12:00 p.m. **Our Parishioners**



Long-term prayer requests will not be published individually, but will be prayed for at each Mass, as will the following:

Andrea Orland, Mark McFadden, Bill DeVuono, Zak Reynolds, Elizabeth Lutowski, Mia Daly, Meghan D., Robert McCormick, Ryan Jastrzemski, Bill Anderson, Laura Palacio, Peggy Luciani, Jesse Verrecchia, Tommy Willis, Charles Baker, Joe Halloran, Niki Kruse, Joe White, Joseph Lambarski, Garrett and Marie Pitman, Kevin Rynn, Emelia DiCarlo, Andrew Klamo, Georgie Pollis, Allison Turner, Anna Mae Wade, Diane Wolf, John V. Conte, Sally Bush, Linda Nowak, Joan Irwin, Michelle Sprenger, Eileen McFadden, Denise McFadden, Rose Piontkowski, Jimmy Gleason, Phillip Greunder, Kathleen Chwastek, Tim Denihan, Amanda Bader, Itai Rosen, Cynthia Lewandowski, Donna Skalski, Barbara Skalski, Kristin Oyola, Phil Gallagher, Shannon Adamucci, Michael Gill, Betty West, Elizabeth Hansen, John Cirenda, Melissa, Kathie Belonger, Marilyn Peoples, Andrew Boyle, Bernadette Giambuzzi, Jim Burke, Mary Jane Mullen, Eileen Palko

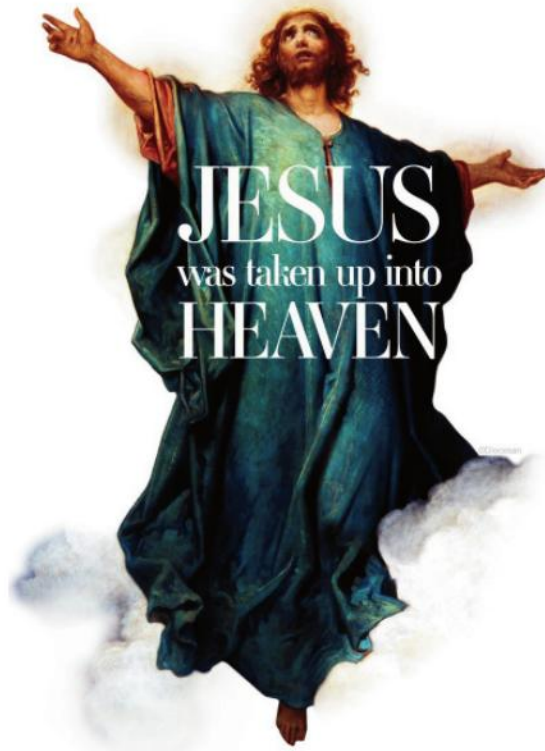


Capt. Christian Aguilar, USA; Capt. Kyle Brandt, USAF; 1st LT Erin Corcoran, USA; CAPT Kevin Emmons, USA; BG Steve Gilland, USA; MAJ Suzanne Gillern; PVT CM Sean Grannan, USA; LTJG Jeremy Griffin, USN; Chief Warrant Officer Kevin James Haddon, USA; LT Sean Hickey, USN; 2nd LT Waverly Hock, USAF; MAJ William Hock, USAF; 2nd LT Rachel Kelly, USAF; LT Commander Matthew Knepper, USN; Capt. Patrick Kneram, USA; SGT Brett Koerner, USMC; PVT Morgan Lawrence, USA; GM3 David Lewis, USN; MIDN Abigail Lutz, USNA; Christopher Macready, USMC; 2nd LT Doug MacDonald, USMC; 1st LT Michelle Mathews, USMC; MIDN 4/D Patrick McKernan, USA; PO3 Allston Megill, USN; Airman 1st Class Anthony J. Pinto; 1st LT Victor Prato, USA; CM Jonathan Ross, USN; ENS Nolan Smith, USN; TSGT Adrian Tomkus, USAF; LTJG Bruce Lemyre; Staff Sergeant Brady Guthrie; SPC Eric White, USA; PFC Aaron Bill, USMC; 2nd LT Alexander Feighery, USA; 1st LT Grace Winston, USA

Come Join Us in Prayer

- **Rosary:** after all morning Masses - Monday through Saturday
- **Miraculous Medal Novena:** after 9:00 a.m. Mass on Monday (approximately 9:30 a.m.)
- **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena Prayer:** after 9:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesday and Saturday
- **Chaplet of the Most Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ:** after 9:00 a.m. Mass on Friday

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



**Congratulations
to all those who were baptized at
St. Mary of the Lakes
40 years ago in May 1983**

Saun Conlin	Joshua Myers
Michael Basca	Stacey O'Brien
Carrie Danzeisen	Adam Sherbaff
Cara Kleinknecht	Matthew Wilson
Matthew Laenitzer	Terrance Wolfe
Shana Spang	Timothy Wolfe
Vita Brandle	Tyler Wolfe
Jaclene Chestnut	Kelly George
Jeffrey Ellis	Erin McGinn
Christopher Forsythe	

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let Your perpetual light shine
upon them.**

Please pray for the souls of Joseph Gullo,
Susan Rebel, Mary Jane Muller, and
Thomas Crilley

Welcome to St. Mary of the Lakes:

Kevin Motylinski
Natalie Chiappetta

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11 | *As the Apostles were looking on, Jesus was lifted up.*

Responsorial

Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 | *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23 | *Christ has entered into heaven itself.*

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20 | *All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

**Congratulations
to all those who were married at
St. Mary of the Lakes
40 years ago in May 1983**

Mr. and Mrs. William McGonigle
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vorhees
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Topper
Mr. and Mrs. Scott Stewart
Mr. and Mrs. John Pennisi
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Delle Monache
Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Furey
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Santoro
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Geddes

**A special congratulations to Frank and
Judy Dougherty, who celebrated their
65th wedding anniversary on May 10th.**

The Month of Our Lady

The second in our series of Marian prayers is similar in text to the Memorare. The Sub Tuum Praesidium Prayer (or "Under Your Protection") was first found in a Greek papyrus, c. 300 A.D. It is the oldest known prayer to the Virgin Mary, showing that her intercession has been sought by her Son's followers since the earliest days of the Church.

The Sub Tuum Praesidium Prayer

We turn to you for protection,
Holy Mother of God.
Listen to our prayers
and help us in our needs.
Save us from every danger,
glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen

The Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Trenton

Invites You to a

Mass for Life

On the 1st Anniversary of the Overturn of Roe v Wade



Saturday June 24, 2023 at 9:30am

151 N. Warren Street, Trenton, NJ

Mass will conclude in time to walk to the 11 am Rally for Life at the Statehouse Annex, 145 West State Street.

The Rally for Life is sponsored by

New Jersey  Right to Life.

Please direct all questions regarding the Mass to the Cathedral Rectory Office, 609-396-8447
Please direct all questions regarding the Rally for Life to NJRTL 732-562-0562

Welcome to the Newly Baptized



Callan Sander



Aaron Evans



Oliver Hodge



Charlotte Tait

Father's Day

Father's Day cards are available at all entrances to the church. To have your loved one placed on the parish Father's Day Mass board, please place your offerings in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office by Monday, June 12th.



Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Sean Conner



Please extend your prayerful best wishes to Sean Conner and Karly Simon who were married at St. Mary of the Lakes, on Saturday, May 13th.

Legion of Mary & Traveling Pilgrim Virgin

If you desire to increase your spiritual life, our Blessed Mother is waiting for you at our Legion of Mary prayer group, which meets every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Emmaus Center. All are welcome.

The Traveling Pilgrim Virgin Statue of "Our Lady of Fatima" is a source of many blessings. Parishioners are encouraged to welcome the Blessed Mother into their homes for a week of praying the Rosary for peace and vocations. Please call Teresa McHenry at 609-388-4528 and leave a voicemail.



View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com



Medford Knights Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Monday, June 26th

Medford Lakes Country Club – Medford Lakes, NJ

All Net Proceeds benefit

St. Vincent de Paul Society, Family Promise of Burlington County & First Way of Burlington County

Please select your desired sponsorship level

☐ Event Sponsor: \$5,000.00

Includes recognition on prominent signage displayed in the clubhouse and on the golf course, special recognition before, during and after the event. Recognition on the K of C council website and recognition in the golf event booklet.

(4) Complimentary golfers, to include golf, lunch and dinner.

☐ Platinum Sponsors: \$3,500.00 & up

Includes recognition signage displayed in the banquet room and on the golf course, recognition on the K of C council website, and recognition in the golf event booklet. (3) Complimentary golfers, to include golf, lunch and dinner.

☐ Gold Sponsors: \$2,000.00 & up

Includes recognition signage displayed in the banquet room and on the golf course, recognition on the K of C council website, and recognition in the golf event booklet. (2) Complimentary golfers, to include golf, lunch and dinner.

☐ Silver Sponsors: \$1,000.00 & up

Includes recognition signage on the golf course, recognition on the K of C council website, and recognition in the golf event booklet. (1) Complimentary golfer, to include golf, lunch and dinner.

☐ Bronze Sponsors: \$500.00 & up

Includes recognition signage on the golf course, recognition on the K of C council website, and recognition in the golf event booklet. (1) Complimentary event dinner

☐ Booster: \$100.00 & up

Includes recognition in the golf event booklet.

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

<div>_____ Company/Org Name</div> <div>_____ Street Address</div> <div>_____ City</div> <div>_____ State</div> <div>_____ Zip</div>	<div>_____ Contact Name</div> <div>(_____) _____ Phone</div> <div>_____ Email</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Artwork included</div>
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Use tournament registration form (on back page) to list golfers.

Thank you for your support and God Bless You!

Make check payable to **Medford Knights Charity Fund**

Mail check and form to: Harry Meshirer 18 Indian Trail, Medford, NJ 08055

For questions regarding sponsorships please contact Bill Schmidt @ 609-667-5106 or billschmidt902@gmail.com

Email company logo/artwork to Joe McMullen @ McMullenJH@hotmail.com

DEADLINE IS MAY 28, 2023



**Knights of
Columbus®**

Make it a Date Night While Benefiting the Less Fortunate

Medford Knights Charity Fund, a New Jersey nonprofit corporation, is hosting its 16th annual charity golf tournament on Monday, June 26th, at Medford Lakes Country Club. Net proceeds benefit Medford's Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Family Promise of Burlington County, and 1st Way of Burlington County.

Don't want to golf? Dinner-only tickets are available, so you can have a chance to win great gift baskets and raffles. To register, contact Bill Schmidt at billschmidt902@gmail.com.

Travel Card Raffle Benefits Diocesan Seminarians

St. Mary of the Lakes Knights of Columbus Council 6520 are selling chances to win a \$5,000 MidAtlantic AAA Travel Card at all Masses this weekend, May 20th and 21st. Each chance costs \$10.

Proceeds from the raffle go to fund a monetary stipend for each of our diocesan seminarians – our future priests. An SML parishioner has won the grand prize in three of the last seven raffles. This year, it could be you!

The winner can use the travel card for any travel expense, such as airfare, train tickets, lodging, tours, cruise tickets, or even a stay at an all-inclusive resort. You can even split the payout between two or more trips, or take more than two people, up to the \$5,000 value of the travel card. The choice is yours.

If you missed the opportunity to purchase a ticket at one of the Masses, call Ken Bodzioch at 609-744-1417 to get a ticket.

In our parish, Fr. Rojas, Fr. Carlos, Fr. Jerome, Fr. Roy and his brother, Fr. Rjoy were each past recipients of support, thanks to your generosity. Please help us to continue our support to our seminarians again in 2023!



Moments from the 2023 St. Mary of the Lakes Carnival and MusicFest





St. Mary of the Lakes Carnival AND MusicFest

2023 Carnival Committee Chairs

Polly Welch - Food Service	Julie Terrell - Regulations
Rachel Mazzochette - Volunteers	Phyllis Koch - Ticket Sales
Julie McGuire - Games	Warren Mazzochette - Musical Director
Kevin Loughlin/Ralph Gallo - Raffles / 50/50	Brad King - Computers and Technology
Jennifer Cottrell - Promotion and Advertising	Bill Sheffield/Guido Scrivanich - Beer and Wine Pavilion
Susan Kraemer/Harry Meshirer - Counters and Finance	Kevin Lynn - Grounds and Set Up/Take Down
Regina Irwin - Mobilization	Dave and Jackie Miller - Parking
Stephen Bill - Cashiers/Accounting	

Maria King - Committee Chairperson

Assistant Chair Teams

Deborah Griffin
Michelle McManus
Ashley Barrea
Jessica Rice
Lorraine Polanski
Carmila Carucci
Jim and Barb Wilhelmi
Gretchen Sorg
Liz Price
Denny Welsh

Tom O'Connor
Chuck Collins
Darren Comegys
Jennie Haltek
Julia Capiello
John Scott - Parish Liason
Kimberly Tabler - School Liason
Rose Boehm - Parish Photographer
Jackie Stinsman - Carnival Photographer

**St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic Church and School Thanks
Our 2023 Carnival Sponsor Companies and Families**

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Expedia Cruises, Marlton
Celebrity Cruises**

Gold

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Sisters of Saint Joseph
White Dotte Dairy Bar & Grill
Cogan Family
Altek Business Systems
Chiusano Homes
Seabright Leaders and the Vasturia Family
Red Lion Diner and Bakery
Compassionate Friends Therapeutic Riding Center
Protect Backyard Pest Control
Caribbean Tans
Villano Concrete
Stewart Family
Law Offices of David J. Karbasian
Knights of Columbus
Extinguisher Services of New Jersey**

Silver

**McDyer Insurance Agency
Cooney, Kerstetter, and Dewees Families
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Bronze

Ponzio's Diner Bakery Bar	Hajduk Family	Lakeview Custom Millwork
Tech by BK	Leo's Ice Cream Company	Lenora and Michael
ADP Electric	Stinsman Photography	Cretella Family
Patrick Kearney Duane Morris LLC	Tina Orio	Pillar Property Management
Suddenly Farms	Alvino Family	Skahan Family
	Finan Family	



Presence

THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

Join us to watch this 4-part series and experience the power of God's mercy in a new way. There are two meeting times:

- (Updated) Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning May 25th in the Parish Meeting Room.
- Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. continuing for week two on May 23rd in the Emmaus Center

To register and purchase a study guide, contact Christine Brandt at cbrandt@smlparish.org or 609-654-8208 ext. 113.

Monday Nights Watching Season Three of "The Chosen"

"The Chosen" is currently a three-season, twenty-four-episode series (with more episodes to come) portraying the life of Christ and His disciples. The series is non-fiction, making heavy use of the scriptures (mostly the Gospels with some Old Testament foundations) and fiction, which does not contradict scripture but enhances what could possibly have been. Father Dan will continue showing Season Three, one episode per evening, followed by question/answer and discussion, on, 5/22, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, and Tuesday, 6/27, from 7:00 –8:15 p.m. in the Emmaus Center. All are welcome.



Seventeenth Visit to the Most Holy Sacrament

Loving souls can find no greater delight than to be in the company of those whom they love. If we, then, love Jesus Christ much, behold we are now in His Presence. Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament sees us and hears us: shall we, then, say nothing to Him? Let us console ourselves in His company; let us rejoice in His glory, and in the love which so many enamoured souls bear Him in the Most Holy Sacrament. Let us desire that all should love Jesus in the Holy Sacrament, and consecrate their hearts to Him; at least let us consecrate all our affections to Him. He should be all our love and our whole desire. Father Salesius, of the Society of Jesus, felt consolation in only speaking of the Most Blessed Sacrament; he could never visit it enough. When called to the parlor, on returning to his room, when going about the house, he always profited by these occasions to repeat his visits to his beloved Lord; so much so, that it was remarked that scarcely an hour of the day passed without his visiting Him. At length he obtained the favor to die by the hands of heretics while defending the truth of the Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

Oh, had I but the happiness to die for so noble a cause as the defence of this Sacrament, in which, O most amiable Jesus, Thou hast taught us the tenderness of the love which Thou bearest us! But since, my Lord, Thou workest so many miracles in this Sacrament, work this one also: draw my entire self to Thee. Thou indeed desirest that I should be all Thine, and Thou dost also indeed deserve that I should be so. Give me the strength to love Thee with all the affection of my soul. Give the goods of this world to whomsoever Thou wilt. I renounce them all: I sigh after and desire Thy love alone; this alone do I now and will always seek. I love Thee, my Jesus; grant me the grace always to love Thee, and grant me this alone.

Ejaculatory prayer. My Jesus, when shall I really love Thee?



Kitchen and Lunch Service Manager

St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic School is seeking a part-time kitchen and lunch manager, beginning immediately. This includes finishing this school year through mid-June and leadership for next school year starting in late August/September. Our school kitchen and lunch service manager will organize, train, and lead a group of school volunteers in preparing and distributing meals by grade. This includes weekly and daily scheduling of the volunteers and providing team direction. The manager's key responsibilities include lunch preparation, distribution of prepared meals, heating up parent-supplied meals, and meal tracking for all students.

In addition, the kitchen and lunch service manager will be the point person weekly to provide lunch choices to school families and process the orders with our food service provider. This process includes gathering each student's specific orders, labeling the lunches per day by student, and ordering other supplies needed weekly, including milk, produce, and utensils.

Candidates with cafeteria and food service experience are preferred and must be able to work minimally from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. daily, Monday - Friday. In addition, on Mondays and Fridays, an additional 1-2 hours will likely be required to organize the weekly menu and order the meals for the week. A successful candidate will be subject to fingerprinting and background checks and will also have to attend Virtus training.

Qualified candidates should submit their letters of interest to Jim Sterbenz School Operations Coordinator, at jsterbenz@smlschool.org. The position will be filled as soon as possible.

After Care

St. Mary of the Lakes School is seeking part-time staff to work at the after care school program. Responsibilities include supervising students as they complete homework, play, complete crafts, and have quiet time. Candidates must be available starting at 2:45 p.m. and work shifts until 5:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. two to five days a week. Previous experience with supervisory oversight of children is preferred. Interested applicants should send their letter of interest and resume of experience to Jim Sterbenz, School Operations Coordinator, at jsterbenz@smlschool.org.

A PROGRAM AND SERVICE OF
THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC RISK RETENTION GROUP, INC.



VIRTUS[®]Online

The Diocese of Trenton requires anyone over 18 who participates in a parish ministry to attend a VIRTUS training session every four years to safeguard children and vulnerable adults. This means every adult who currently volunteers for SML Church, School, or PREP and has not previously attended a VIRTUS session, or who has not taken a refresher course in the past four years, must attend a session as soon as possible.

VIRTUS training sessions are offered at parishes throughout the diocese. Parishioners are permitted to attend training at any parish in the diocese. In June, St. Mary of the Lakes will offer the initial certification class, "Protecting God's Children," on Wednesday, June 7th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Emmaus Center.

Pre-registration is mandatory at virtusonline.org as space is limited.

The parish office is not able to register on your behalf.

For registration or login issues, please call 1-888-847-8870.

PROMISE TO PROTECT



The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. The Diocese has in place a Victim's Assistance Coordinator, who is available to obtain support for your needs and help you make a formal complaint of abuse.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.

The Diocese encourages anyone with an allegation to also report that abuse to their local law enforcement agency. The Diocese reports all allegations received to the appropriate county prosecutor's office.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023 DIOCESE of TRENTON

Thanks to the generosity of the parishioners who have made a gift to the ACA, St. Mary of the Lakes (SML) has once again reached its goal of \$140,000. Going forward, fifty percent of all gifts will be returned to SML in the form of a parish rebate. Those who have yet to make a gift may pick up a pledge card at the church doors. God is good, and so are you!

As of May 15th, SML has pledged **\$142,282**. We thank you for making a gift to this year's ACA!

To make a gift, please fill out and mail the Appeal card found at all entrances of our church, or you may give online by visiting our parish website and clicking on the Catholic Appeal image. Thank you for your generosity!



All children entering Pre-K 4 through 6th grade for the 2023-24 school year are invited to register as campers for this summer's Vacation Bible School. To register, please complete the registration form, which can be found on the parish website, and mail it with your payment to the PREP Office, 196 Route 70, Medford, NJ 08055, by June 1st to secure your child's spot. Registration is limited to the first 125 campers. A sign-up genius link for teen volunteers in grades 7-12 can also be found on the parish website. Camper spots cannot be held unless payment is received by June 1st.

For more information, contact smlprep@smlparish.org.

Becoming Catholic - R.C.I.A.

Are you—or anyone you know—interested in becoming a Catholic? Or, perhaps you are a Catholic but have not received the sacrament of Confirmation and desire to do so.

You are invited and welcome to attend the R.C.I.A. process here at St. Mary of the Lakes. R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a period of formation where we pursue the truths, teachings, and practices of our Catholic faith in an open forum with sound presentations and lively discussion.

Each meeting is led by one of the members of the team. The R.C.I.A. process involves time not only for instruction but also growth in the practice of the faith through discussion and prayer.

R.C.I.A. will begin on September 10th. If interested in finding out more about the process, contact Christine Brandt at 609-654-8208, ext. 113, or cbrandt@smlparish.org.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY KICKOFF

6:30-9:30PM

**SML Church Fire Pit
Wednesday, May 24th**



Join the SML Young Adult Ministry for their kickoff meeting on Wednesday, May 24th, at 6:30 p.m. outside the church at the fire pit. The Young Adult Ministry is open to young men and women aged 19-25 and will be a fantastic evening filled with food, refreshments, and music. It's a great chance to connect with fellow ministry members, make new friends, and learn about the exciting plans we have for the future. Don't miss out on this opportunity to be a part of something special!

"May" I Call You by Name?

At each weekend Mass in May, parishioners are asked to make a name tag and wear it to Mass.

In keeping with our strategic plan to be a more welcoming parish, developed based on St. Mary of the Lakes' Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey results, we will now use name tags at Masses four times a year: February, May, August, and November.

"May" I Call You by Name" will provide another opportunity to put names to familiar faces in our parish and welcome newcomers and guests alike by name. Your participation is appreciated! Name tags will be provided at all entrances.



Bulletin Announcement Submissions

Please submit bulletin announcements at least ten days prior to publication to: bulletin@smlparish.org



Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary meets every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Emmaus Center.

If you are interested in joining, please call Teresa McHenry at 609-388-4528 and leave a voicemail.



Glory to God

The Glory to God Prayer Group meets every Tuesday from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Center.

Contact Marianne Perkins at 609-760-9221 or marnperk@gmail.com with any questions.

Light a Virtual Prayer Candle

We invite you to light a prayer candle for any intention. The large Easter Candle is lit during Mass offered inside St. Mary of the Lakes Church to symbolize and commemorate all the virtual candles requested via the internet. To light your candle, please go to www.smlparish.org and click "Virtual Prayer Candle" under the "ABOUT" tab. *You may include an offering with your Sunday gift.*



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Fr. Dan's Homilies on Video

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St. Mary of the Lakes This Week

Sunday, May 21st

- AA Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room

Monday, May 22nd

- Men's Gospel Group / 7:45 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- The Chosen / 7:00 p.m. / Emmaus Center

Tuesday, May 23rd

- "Presence" Adult Faith Formation / 10:00 a.m. / Church
- KoC Cornhole Committee / 6:30 p.m. / Parish Office Conference Room
- Glory to God Prayer Group / 7:30 p.m. / Emmaus Center

Wednesday, May 24th

- Legion of Mary / 9:30 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- Faith Seekers Book Club / 10:00 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- KoC Golf Meeting / 6:30 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room
- Young Adult Ministry / 6:30 p.m. / Church Fire Pit & Emmaus Center
- Adult Choir Rehearsal / 7:00 p.m. / Church Choir Loft

Thursday, May 25th

- Thursday Prayer and Bible Study / 9:45 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- May Procession / 11:00 a.m. / St. Mary of the Lakes School Parking Lot
- Small Group Scripture Study / 7:00 p.m. / Parish Office Conference Room
- "Presence" Adult Faith Formation / 7:00 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room

Friday, May 26th

Saturday, May 27th

Sunday, May 28th

- AA Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room

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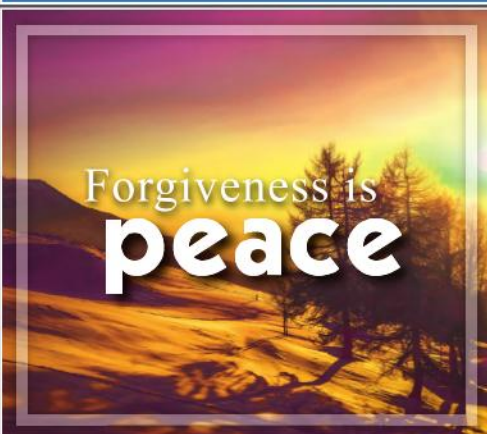
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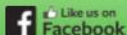
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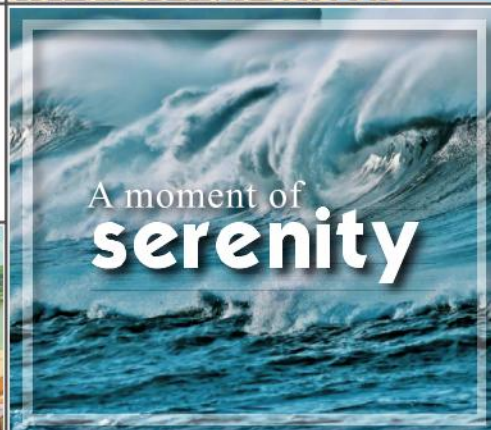
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